

Meeting Minutes BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, And Third Tuesday of each month

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 19, 2007

County Courthouse Bridgeport, California 93517

9:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by Chairman Hazard

Pledge of Allegiance led by David Wilbrecht, CAO

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Farnetti reported on the following issues:

- (1) Attended the managers' meeting last Wednesday in Lee Vining. In conjunction with the discussion about the recent break-ins at the Sierra Center Mall offices, they talked about issuing ID cards for all County employees as an added security measure. They also talked about the County website (which is getting between 700 and 900 hits a day), and the need to keep the information current.
- (2) Mentioned that he attended his son-in-law's graduation from UCLA.

Supervisor Bauer reported on the following issues:

- (1) Dave Nelson from CDBG sent a detailed proposition about the possibility of grant opportunities for the "rodeo grounds." Intrawest has a website about this project, found at rodeogrounds.com.
- (2) Administrative Justice has raised two big issues: the creation of a state-wide sentencing committee, and the discontinuation of sending youths to the state correctional facility. Also, adult probation services is changing the way it is funded, which will be beneficial to the County.
- (3) Regarding transportation spillover money (based on the price of gas), the state wants the spillover to go into the general fund, which would redistribute money that Prop 42 protected. This change would reduce the share going to cities and counties, but would increase the share going to transit. CSAC is lobbying for this, and is also lobbying for an eminent domain bill; they are spending money to get a well-crafted bill.
- (4) The Williamson Act doesn't appear to be in danger.
- (5) The liquor license issue is moving forward.
- (6) CSAC has a climate change working group to work with the CEQA document.
- (7) Possible amendment to the trial court transfer process (this has nothing to do with the AOC transfer).
- (8) There is no final answer on health care reform; it seems to be moving towards a model the Mono County is already using.
- (9) YARTS has passed a budget and will continue to work on a quarterly basis; they are working to get information on the internet.
- (10) Regarding the Mountain Express, as transit allocations move forward Mammoth and Mono will show higher hours of use.
- (11) Mentioned that there are park maintenance issues since switching from a contractor to an employee; the employee may need more training.

Supervisor Reid reported on the following issues:

- (1) Received several positive comments about the Courthouse dedication.
- (2) Attended the Mono Basin RPAC on Wednesday and met the district ranger. Invited the district ranger to meet the Board and present updates on projects (i.e., reappraising the Cunningham property [ultimately there will be fewer roads]; considering emergency road access in and out of Mono City; working on the Black Point property issue).
- (3) Regarding the July 3rd Board meeting, will not be available for the afternoon session due to Bridgeport 4th of July preparations.
- (4) Received an inquiry from residents in the Walker/Coleville area. Because of the fire, they want to grade their property and re-vegetate (the area looks horrible). He asked for an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss the waiver of fees for grading permits.
- (5) Said he was neutral on the issue of liquor licenses, but mentioned that additional licenses will impact those who already have a license.
- (6) Received a call from Tom Halenbeck of CalTrans who told him they are taking down 10 trees in the Larson Lane area due to fire damage, and will take out two trees in the Topaz area because they present a dangerous situation.

Supervisor Hazard reported on the following issues:

- (1) Attended the managers' meeting last Wednesday. They talked about hits to the website and the fact that people are relying on the website to get information about permits, fees, and policies.
- (2) On Wednesday evening, attended the 2nd meeting in the Chalfant community vision process and discussed the consultant's draft report (at the 1st meeting they discussed issues, values, concerns, and desires for the next 20-25 years). Out of 17 items on the list, everyone agreed with 13 of the concepts and principles; two need wording changes, and two need to be considered further. The Chalfant community is basically happy with the size and shape of their community and they don't want to change much.
- (3) On Thursday visited Benton for their visioning process. The Benton Community wants to get ahead of the development pressure and protect the area now. They want the County to identify a downtown economic core, plus they want utility rights, infrastructure, and walking paths. They are also looking at secondary roads, encouraging the use of alternative energy sources (at the individual level), and considering the possibility of relocating schools. The community recognizes that development is coming and they need a population/tax base. They are willing to grow if the County identifies water issues and infrastructure needs.
- (4) Attended the COG meeting on the 15th. This was a round-table discussion about many issues, primarily the Boxer proposal that has been reintroduced regarding wilderness overlay. COG will draft a letter requesting to be included in this process.
- (5) Was unable to hold office hours in Crowley Lake on the 18th.
- (6) Received a letter in the mail notifying entities that the doctor who is currently certifying ALS units will no longer provide this oversight service in six months. Asked the CAO and Mark Mikulicich to follow up and find out what this means.
- (7) Received a request from Betty Potterville, who serves on IMAAA. She has not been reappointed for quite a while and has asked to be reappointed; the only other County person on the advisory board is Dolores Wright. Asked the County Counsel and Clerk of the Board to confirm these appointments and bring the reappointments forward at a future Board meeting.
- (8) Regarding development issues on Highway 6, CalTrans is helping to resolve several traffic safety issues in the Chalfant community (double striping on a hill, and cattle guard, intersection and turn out improvements at White Mountain Estates road).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

1) CAO Report re Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)

ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

Dave Wilbrecht reported on the following issues:

- (1) Met with department heads on Wednesday; it was a productive meeting.
- (2) Continuing to move forward with the exchange parcel. An appeal has been filed by a person in Inyo County who wants to include an exchange parcel but has concerns about loss of property value; the forest service will meet with this person to determine the issues. Will consider another parcel of equal value if this one is pulled from the list, or the partners will pay an additional amount. Will try to work through the town/county liaison on the terms of the agreement conditions.
- (3) The agenda review committee continues to meet; sent the necessary information to Novus for the software creation.
- (4) Since the two break-ins and attempted break-ins at the south county offices, have been meeting with the Sheriff's office; also, have installed new locks, notified people to lock doors and not leave personal items in offices. Cameras will be installed on the 3rd floor and in the parking lot; plus will install new doors for the Department of Mental Health.
- (5) Attended the MAG meeting. They gave a status report on the new library; in August there will be an open walk-through. The library sees themselves as the gateway to the Constitution because they promote freedom of speech; the librarian is available to talk to the Board about library/county interface if the Board is interested.
- (6) Tonight's adjourned meeting will be in the Board Chambers (via teleconferencing) and at the Sierra Center Mall (6:30 for Board business and 7:00 for the CalFire's public hearing about changes in maps). After CalFire's public hearing, the Board can interact with CalFire or conduct a discussion amongst themselves
- (7) ESTA met and approved the budget, which still requires a lot of work. Also, there was a desire to have a non-unionized system, this has now changed; the County prefers to have Local 39 involved.
- (8) Eastern Sierra COG met.
- (9) Referred to the Board meeting in Walker on May 15 and the discussion about mosquito abatement. There are various options: hire a company designed to implement a mosquito abatement process, fund the abatement from general funds, or do nothing. Suggested that the Board should explore a range of options that includes setting up a separate mosquito abatement district (a private company could organize this for the County), which would be voted on and paid for (or not paid for) by the community. Another option is to consider a county-wide mosquito abatement district. Asked for direction from the Board. Supervisor Bauer has experienced problems in the past with funding this. Supervisor Hazard said in the past communities have not been interested, but agreed with pursuing options and letting someone else take the lead. Supervisor Reid said this is controversial because some people want spraying and others don't. He said he didn't want to use general fund money. He suggested exploring the possibility of a private company looking at a County-wide district encompassing the June Lake and Mammoth districts, and then let the people vote on the issue. Supervisor Farnetti agreed with not using general fund money, and agreed with going through the process. Wilbrecht said he will ask the company to come before the Board and make a complete presentation in July (he will notify the people in the Walker area), and will have Dr. Johnson and Lynda Salcido attend.
- (10) Also at the May 15 Walker meeting, they discussed the request from the Lions Club to expand the community center. Although preliminary work has been done for the expansion, there is talk about doing a master plan for the community center and the senior center. The Board should consider a policy item so they can decide how to proceed on the projects. Grant funds may be available, but before spending money on improvements to the community center, it may be worthwhile to look at the bigger project possibility. Supervisor Reid agreed with this suggestion. Wilbrecht said he will contact the Lions Club and discuss this issue with them, and will start looking for grants in July when the new economic development director starts.

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned for closed session from 9:02 a.m. through 9:33 a.m.

- 2) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, and Brian Muir. Unrepresented Employees: Chief Investigator.
- 3) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, and Brian Muir. Unrepresented Employees: Building Official.

Break from 9:33 a.m. through 9:40 a.m.; reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Sheriff Scholl talked about the need for a building or structure to house search and rescue vehicles, and boats. They currently spend about \$3960 per year to house boats, and have the opportunity to purchase the current location for approximately \$45,000; or they could sign a lease agreement and keep using the current location for up to two years. He said he would bring an agenda item to the Board for their consideration. Supervisor Hazard mentioned that a state grant pays for the rental/lease of the current housing, but if the County owns the structure, they would lose this offset. Sheriff Scholl said the rental is paid from the boating and waterways grant, but the total budget exceeded the grant so it would be a savings in the long run not to pay rent. Supervisor Bauer asked the Sheriff to bring this back as a regular agenda item soon.

Lynda Roberts, Clerk of the Board, talked about election dates in 2008. The presidential primary election will be in February; the primary election for supervisors of districts 2, 3, and 4 will be in June; and the general election will be in November. The initiative/measure qualification deadline for the February ballot is September 27, 2007; the Secretary of State will send a calendar of deadlines for the June election about six months prior.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved in one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item)

Chairman Hazard pulled items 4 and 5a for further discussion.

COUNTY COUNSEL

4) Amendment to Lease for Sierra Center Mall

ACTION: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign proposed First Amendment of Lease Agreement with Doheny V LLC, which would amend the existing lease between the County and Doheny V LLC by changing the square footage of the leased premises from 20,695 square feet to 20,719 square feet and adding a revised floor plan created by Woodward Architecture as an exhibit.

(Reid/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Dave Wilbrecht, CAO, recommended approval of the amendment. He notified the Board about an issue concerning the numbering of the suites. The item before the Board addresses square footage, but the amendment also needs to reflect accurate numbering on the doors. Referring to air conditioning, he

said the problems are being solved. In the past, repairs were not made so there are old units on the building. The manager of the building had an HVAC company fix many units and assess problems, but there will also be a need for new units. Ultimately the problems will be resolved.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

5a) Retirement Resolution—Herb Glazier

ACTION: Approve and authorize the Board's signatures on a retirement Resolution

M07-152 in honor of Herb Glazier's service to Mono County.

(Reid/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Supervisor Hazard said he has worked with Herb over the years, and Herb is always available when needed. He expressed appreciation for Herb's efforts. Supervisor Farnetti said he knows that Herb has been a hard-working and dedicated employee, and has been an important part of the Bridgeport 4th of July event. He wished Herb the very best in his retirement. Supervisor Bauer congratulated Herb on his retirement and said he will be missed. Supervisor Reid said Herb is one of a kind and he will be missed.

5b) Retirement Resolution—Jeff Bailey

ACTION: Approve and authorize the Board's signatures on a retirement Resolution in honor of Jeff Bailey for his many years of service with the U.S. Forest Service.

M07-153 in honor of Jeff Bailey for his many years of s (Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

MENTAL HEALTH

Appointment of New Member for the Mono County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Advisory Board

M07-154 ACTION: Update the membership roster of the Mono County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Combined Advisory Board by appointing Rosanne Higley to a three year membership term that will expire on June 19, 2010.

(Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR

7) Out of State Training for Assistant Registrar of Clerk's Office

M07-155 ACTION: Approve and authorize Christy Robles, Assistant Registrar, to attend the 2007 Pacific Northwest Elections Conference sponsored by the Washington Secretary of State. Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, from Sunday, June 24th through Friday, June 29th.

(Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

M07-158

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Relief from Accountability Pursuant to Government Code 29390 in the Amount of \$60.00 for the Director of Social Services (**Brian Muir**)

M07-156 ACTION: Due to the theft of a cash box during an office break-in during the weekend of May 26, 2007, approve relief from accountability for the Director of Social Services in the amount of \$60.00.

(Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Brian Muir, Director of Finance, reported about the recent break-ins in the County's south offices. He said \$60 was stolen, and the Board needs to relieve the department head from accountability. It was appropriate to take this action since the \$60 was in a locked file cabinet and in a locked office.

PUBLIC WORKS

9a) Advertisement for Bids for Lundy Lake Road Rehabilitation Project (Kelly Garcia)

ACTION: (1) Adopt and approve plans and specifications for Lundy Lake Road Rehabilitation Project. (2) Approve and authorize the Clerk to the Board, in consultation with the Department of Public Works, to advertise for bids. (3) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to process and execute appropriate construction documents during the bid process.

(Reid/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Kelly Garcia, Public Works Department, said they applied for funding four years ago, and it was just recently approved. The department is getting ready to put out the bid and so they are requesting Board approval. She mentioned that the road was constructed 50 years ago and needs to be redone. Bids should be awarded around the beginning of August with construction starting soon thereafter.

9b) Sale of Sheriff's Department K9 Vehicle to Town of Mammoth Lakes (Evan Nikirk)

ACTION: (1) Approve the sale of the Sheriff's Department K9 vehicle to the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the Kelley Blue Book value of \$23,450, to include existing specialty equipment installed in the unit. (2) Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to prepare, process, and execute applicable sale documents with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. (3) Authorize staff to purchase an additional Ford Expedition for the Sheriff's Office.

(Bauer/Reid, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Evan Nikirk, Public Works Director, said this was brought to the Public Works Department by the Sheriff's Department. Last year Public Works purchased a number of vehicles, one of which was equipped as a K9 unit. Due to the unfortunate death of the dog that would have served in the post, there is now no need for the vehicle. The Public Works Department has been negotiating with Mammoth Lakes for the purchase of the vehicle, and the town has agreed to purchase it for the Kelley

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Blue Book value. The Sheriff will retain the light bar and radio. Nikirk requested authorization to sell the vehicle and asked for direction about how to use the proceeds (referring to the proposed options specified in the staff report).

Supervisor Reid asked for input from the Finance Director regarding the proceeds from the sale. Brian Muir requested that the Board give direction in terms of what they want done, but not give specific direction about the disposition of proceeds from the sale, which are deposited into the general fund and can't be spent until the Board appropriates the money.

Supervisor Farnetti asked about the need for the 8th vehicle now rather than waiting until the next order. Undersheriff Busey said there is a need because they have no extra patrol vehicles, and many vehicles have over 100,000 miles on them. Supervisor Bauer asked about the value of the upgraded equipment for K9 use. Busey said it cost about \$4,000, but that equipment was purchased by Monet and they have chosen to let it go with the vehicle. The Sheriff's Department will retain the light bar and radio for a new vehicle.

Nikirk confirmed the need to replace the vehicle now but said the money from the sale doesn't need to be specifically set aside; the Board can just authorize the purchase of a new vehicle.

Tony Dublino asked if the County would acquire another K9 unit. Sheriff Scholl said they can use Mammoth's and CHP's K9 unit. The Sheriff's Department doesn't have the manpower, and doesn't want to incur training costs, for a K9 unit. Supervisor Hazard asked if the high mileage vehicles are in the patrol fleet, and asked if the replacement plan is working. Nikirk said the delay of the new purchase has caused more mileage on the current vehicles; they are currently nine months behind schedule. Supervisor Hazard asked if high mileage would be prevented in a normal cycle. Nikirk said ves.

9c) Final Approvals for Parcel Map 37-186, Van Nest (**Evan Nikirk**)

M07-159

ACTION: (1) Accept on behalf of the public the offer of dedication for street, drainage, and public utility purposes that right-of-way at the northeast corner of Parcel 2 as shown on Parcel Map 37-186. (2) Reject on behalf of the public the offer of dedication for an easement for transportation purposes in Parcel 1 as designated on said map. (3) Direct and authorize the Public Works Director to file and record a Notice of Development Conditions on Property for the project in the office of the County Recorder.

(Hazard/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Evan Nikirk, Public Works Director, said the map was approved at the planning meeting last Thursday. The area is located in the heart of the Chalfant community, around the corner from Fire Department. Van Nest is subdividing; there is already access and utilities, and the health department has approved the septic locations. There is some concern about pedestrian safety; an easement is available for the County to accept in the future. Public Works recommends accepting the offer of dedication of right-ofway on Parcel 2, and rejecting the easement on Parcel 1.

Supervisor Hazard said there is a structure on the property line that has been disputed and this action will resolve the problem. It also solves the problem of a dedicated easement for a pedestrian crossing over the highway, which will be a big issue in the future; this may be the only opportunity to resolve the problem.

M07-160

9d) Temporary Road Closures for, and Assistance with, the Bridgeport Fourth of July Celebration (Evan Nikirk)

ACTION: Adopt **Resolution R07-40**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Roads in Bridgeport and the Temporary Detour of Traffic onto Roads in Bridgeport from State Highway 395 for the 145th Annual Bridgeport Fourth of July Celebration."

(Reid/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

ACTION: Adopt **Resolution R07-41**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Department of Public Works to Assist with Setting Up and Disassembling Facilities Associated with the 145th Annual Bridgeport Fourth of July Celebration."

(Reid/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Evan Nikirk, Public Works Director, said it has become common practice to close the road and assist with the 4th of July celebration in Bridgeport. Information in the staff report identifies the tasks that have been typically performed. Supervisor Farnetti asked about fiscal impact. Nikirk said the expense is in staff time and heavy equipment costs.

CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR

10) Canvass of Votes: Special Election of June 5, 2007 (Christy Robles)

ACTION: Accept and approve the Canvass of Votes from the Special Parcel Tax Election held June 5, 2007.

(Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Christy Robles, Assistant Clerk, distributed copies of a survey taken by election poll workers in which they provided feedback and input about the election process. The poll workers responded positively and provided good suggestions that will be useful for future elections. Robles then outlined the results of the election (which are posted on the web). She also thanked the staff, Keith Park with the IT department, and the Sheriff's office for returning the equipment. She will be holding a post-election meeting to discuss the process and how to make it more efficient. She specifically thanked Gwen Plummer, a South County employee, for her dedication to the process, and for coordinating the events in the South County. Robles said there is a need for more poll workers in the Mammoth area, and asked the Board to spread the word in their districts. She mentioned that she and Keith created training materials for the touch-screen machines and they have received positive comments from other counties about the quality of these materials.

Supervisor Farnetti said he heard no negative comments in Mammoth about the election. Robles mentioned that she is looking for a new polling place in Mammoth Lakes to better accommodate voters. She is considering the town conference room (Suite Z), and is working with the town to coordinate the use of this location. Supervisor Farnetti suggested Cerro Coso College; Supervisor Bauer pointed out that parking at Suite Z can be a problem. Robles said she will keep the Board updated. Supervisor Hazard commended Robles for her responsiveness to poll workers' suggestions, and he thanked her for her hard work.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 11a) A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the California Public Employees Retirement System (Robert Garret, Brian Muir)
- **ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution R07-42**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Approving an Agreement with California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) for a Pre-tax Payroll Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases (Contribution Code 14)."

(Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Robert Garret, Deputy County Administrator—Human Resources, had a discussion with CalPERS; the contract amendment is in order and has been approved by them. Brian Muir, Finance Director, pointed out that there is an opportunity with CalPERS for employees to buy service credit using a pre-tax, payroll-deduction installment plan. In order to do this, the County needs to have an additional resolution with CalPERS accepting this plan. The specific wording of the resolution is provided by CalPERS because it has to meet their requirements. There is no cost to the County because employees are buying their time through payroll. He suggested that the Board adopt the resolution allowing the County to offer this opportunity to employees.

Supervisor Reid said he likes the recruitment aspect of this benefit.

- 11b) A Resolution Authorizing the Deputy County Administrative Officer—Human Resources to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions (Robert Garret, Clav Neelv)
 - **ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution R07-43**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Deputy County Administrative Officer—Human Resources to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to add a 1.0 GIS Technician position as of June 19, 2007."

(Bauer/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Robert Garret, Deputy County Administrator—Human Resources, said there is a need to enhance GPS services at this time to do additional work on the 911 system, and LTC is providing a grant to fund the position. If the Board approves this request, any continuance of the position is contingent on LTC grant funding, and the offer of employment will include a special notice regarding this contingency. Because grant support has been authorized, and there is currently a job candidate available, Garret asked the Board to authorize the addition of this position to the IT Department.

Clay Neely, IT Director, said the Town has a GIS need as well as the County because they use a lot of the same information. The County will share this position with the Town so both entities progress together, which will benefit the County since most of the work done for the Town positively impacts the County. The new person will help with 911, which is a very time-consuming project

Break from 11:07 a.m. through 11:15 a.m.; reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. PUBLIC HEALTH

12) Public Health and the Built Environment (Lynda Salcido and Dr. Alex Kelter)

ACTION: Informational presentation by Dr. Alex Kelter, former Chief of Epidemiology and Prevention of Injury Control for the California Department of Health Services on integrating public health goals with the built environment. This presentation is in conjunction with a workshop on the same day being held in Lee Vining.

Greg Newbry, Community Development, said the Public Health Department received a grant to host a workshop about public health and the built environment.; the key speaker is Dr. Alex Kelter (former Chief of Epidemiology and Prevention of Injury Control for the California Department of Health Services). He came to the Board meeting to give a brief presentation about this topic.

Dr. Kelter started by giving an overview of his background: he started working in the Arizona Health Department, worked at the Center for Disease Control, and for the last 24 years, worked in the California Department of Health Services. He then shared his thoughts about what public health and planning/zoning have in common. Public health and zoning have a history with the rise of the industrial revolution. Over the years it became good practice to take health into account and move people away from hazardous areas (known as the doctrine of separation of land uses). In today's world, there are reasons why this doctrine is not a good idea and mixed use communities are healthier. Key points:

- Walkable communities are important to health since obesity is a big problem. Having communities close to schools and markets (where people can buy healthy foods) is more desirable than having residential areas separate from these services.
- Air quality is an important issue. People who are forced to drive long distances increase emissions and decrease air quality. Commuting can cause insomnia and stress.
- Public safety is determined by the structure of a community (known as crime prevention through environmental design).
- Mental health issues, such as depression and stress, are improved by walking or other physical activity. It is important to have communities where people can walk or bike.
- Quality of life is determined by place. It is important to live in a place where one feels nurtured.
- Older people need to be physically active, and having a community where older people feel safe outdoors is important to their health.
- Water quality and quantity are important issues. It is important to have more compact structures to better utilize water.
- People want to be in places where their children can find jobs. By segregating uses (housing, jobs, schools) it becomes difficult for people. Mixed uses make it possible to create a community where people can work, live and go to school.

Supervisors Farnetti and Reid agreed that policy makers need to consider these issues when planning for the future. Supervisor Bauer said it is common knowledge in planning that building up not out is a good practice; many areas continue to spread out.

Dr. Kelter said by taking an aerial perspective, one can see if a community is "fit" (i.e., bulging or if it has clogged arteries). In Santa Barbara, employees live far away because of living costs; in this situation it is hard to get emergency staff into duty when needed. It is important for communities to find ways to house people in the community where they are needed every day. Kelter said entities need to work together to make change happen. Multi-jurisdictional cooperative planning makes healthy lifestyles possible.

Newbry said educating people about the benefit of designing a community for people and health is a challenge in Mono County. He anticipates coming back before the Board with more general plan amendments to integrate design and health.

Break from 12:18 p.m. through 1:14 p.m.; reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

1:00 p.m. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

1:00 p.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL PROJECTS, AND MONO COUNTY FISHERIES COMMISSION

- 13a) Request for Funds to Plant Trout in Selected Mono County Waters (Dan Lyster, Robert Hudson)
- **M07-161 ACTION:** Approve the expenditure of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Fish Enhancement Fund for the release (planting) of trout into selected Mono County waters.

(Bauer/Farnetti, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Dan Lyster, Economic Development, said this issue comes as a continuation of the dialogue on the aftermath of the fish and game department's inability to stock trout. At the last Fisheries Commission meeting, the Commission voted to approve this disbursement. Lyster then introduced Robert Hudson, Fisheries Commission.

Hudson said they are looking for money to purchase fish because of shortfalls in the stocking program; the fish and game department is stocking half as often as usual. The Town of Mammoth is voting tomorrow to appropriate \$10,000 for fish, and the Fisheries Commission would like the County to match these funds. They need to keep the fishing experience in June Lake as prime as it can be; many vacationers are saying this is the worst year they've had. Supervisor Bauer agreed.

Ray Robles said a group to which he belongs will donate \$10,000 if the County and the Town donate. The Fisheries Commission will then distribute the fish according to the size of the lake.

Lyster said the larger issue needs to be addressed with fish and game, and have one of the legislators, or another resource, champion this effort. He has been asking for a role in the discussion about long-term solutions, but has not been invited to participate. The request before the Board is a stop-gap measure and won't alleviate long-term problems. At some point fish and game needs to allow the County to participate in the discussion about long-term solutions. At present, Inyo County is getting more fish than Mono, and the question is why. Mono County didn't have an opportunity to comment on the fairness of this.

Supervisor Bauer asked if there are other problems besides the mud snail. Lyster said they would have the same issues with fish and game if the mud snail was not a problem, but stocking lakes this year would have been more frequent without the mud snail issue.

Supervisor Farnetti said he understood the County was getting the same allocation, but the fish were not being stocked every week. Hudson said they will get the correct amount by the end of the year. Supervisor Bauer suggested the County may need to look beyond fish to enhance tourism since they can't always count on fishing.

Supervisor Reid suggested that Dan and the CAO craft a letter to the legislators, with a copy to Dave Cogdill and the Director of Fish and Game, requesting a meeting in Sacramento to talk about this issue. Lyster said Neal Carroll has been working with Terry Mann to craft a letter to outline the issues; a letter requesting a meeting should involve Tom Berryhill and Dave Cox. Lyster said he will work with Terry and Neal on a letter requesting a meeting and another summarizing the problem. Supervisor Bauer said she will work with Dan on a letter. Supervisor Reid suggested it should be a combined Town/County letter.

Supervisor Reid asked where the fish will be planted. Lyster said they need to stock brown trout in the June Lake Loop area; other waters will include Bridgeport and Saddle Bag. Reid then asked about the bid process to acquire the fish, to which Lyster replied it was an informal bid process and they would look for the best price. Supervisor Reid asked the County Counsel if he had a conflict of interest because his son owns Ken's Sports. The answer was no. Lastly, Supervisor Reid suggested they try again for a personalized license plate promoting trout and raising money. Supervisor Farnetti asked for better documentation the next time this issue arises.

Supervisor Hazard said he recalled that fish and game replaced the lost 80,000 pounds of fish with 93,000 pounds, which indicates that fish and game is trying to work with the County. The problem seems to be with the stocking schedule rather than pounds received. He reiterated the need to address the long-term issues with the state, and consider pursuing other options. Lyster said he apprised the Fisheries Commission that if the Board agreed with this request it would probably be a one-time approval.

A question was raised about which fund to use for this expenditure. Brian Muir, Finance Director, said there was unappropriated money in the fish enhancement fund that could be used.

13b) Expenditure of \$12,000 from the Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund (Dan Lyster)

ACTION: Approve the expenditure of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) from the Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund (a/k/a, the Mono County Fish & Game Fine Fund) to the Eastern Sierra Watershed Project for public education pursuant to Fish & Game Code §13103(e); and the expenditure of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the above-referenced fund for the release (planting) of fish pursuant to Fish & Game Code §13103(d).

(Reid/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Dan Lyster, Economic Development, said approximately \$33,000 is available in the Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund, which can be used for the planting and rearing of fish. The Fisheries Commission approved the \$10,000 expenditure to buy fish, plus \$2,000 for a watershed program (an educational program to teach youth about riparian and aquatic environments).

Break from 1:55 p.m. through 2:00 p.m.; reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

14) Presentation of Potential Energy Conservation Projects by Aircon Energy (Kelly Garcia)

ACTION: Receive presentation by Aircon Energy relative to potential energy conservation projects at county facilities.

Kelly Garcia, Public Works Department, said Jeff Wagner from Aircon had given a presentation about upgrading energy systems in the Courthouse, and as a result, Public Works had Aircon look at several buildings in Bridgeport and other areas in Mono County. At this meeting, the Board will receive Aircon's presentation, and consider authorizing staff to enter into a letter of intent. This process is at a conceptual level, so there is no financial obligation; however, if the Board agrees to the letter of intent and then decides they don't want to pursue a contract, the cost would be \$30,000 for the study. There would be no cost associated with the letter of intent if the Board moves into the contract phase. Garcia then introduced Jeff Wagner.

Wagner distributed a copy of his PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the feasibility report (both are on file in the Clerk's office). He highlighted problems with the public health building since this is a decision point for the County. Currently the building is expensive to operate and is not fully occupied. Ideas for this building include adding "outsulation" (insulation on outside that looks like stucco); replacing the flashing on top to make the building look better and provide some insulation; and upgrading the heating/cooling/air distribution system to make it more efficient.

Wagner reviewed the efficiency-upgrade options for each building as outlined in the feasibility report. Options include automating air circulation systems, improving lighting, installing double glazed windows, and considering whether or not to replace old equipment (such as boilers) now rather than waiting for them to fail. He pointed out that some of the installation work could be done by County staff, thus providing a cost savings. He then reviewed various expenditure models, ranging from a cost of around \$28,000 per year for several years, to models that would generate a positive cash flow.

Supervisor Farnetti asked when the work would begin once the County entered into a contract. Wagner said this would depend on the weather, but in-door work could be done immediately and into the winter. He estimated that work could possibly start in October, and would take about a year. He also mentioned that the County would not start paying for the work (if the funding model included a payment) until the work is finished.

Supervisor Hazard said the status of the health building will require further discussion. Garcia pointed out that financing models would change depending on whether or not this building is included in the project. Brian Muir, Finance Director, recommendation that the Board defer a decision about a letter of intent with Aircon until they have made decisions about the health building. Garcia said she will continue meeting with the CAO and have him communicate with the Board, and she will develop letter of intent. Supervisor Hazard said the Finance Director needs to be included in financing plans and budgeting options.

Wagner said Aircon would like a letter of intent at this stage because there is a lot of work to do, and they need a commitment in order to be actively involved. Supervisor Bauer asked if the letter of intent specifies which buildings will be included. Wagner said the letter of intent addresses the overall project, not specific buildings. Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel, said the \$30,000 for a letter of intent is within the CAO's budgeting capacity, so the Board can direct the CAO to pursue this if they so choose. He also mentioned that a letter of intent is a type of contract so it should be reviewed. He pointed out that approving a letter of intent is not on the agenda today. Supervisor Bauer asked if the size of the project can be reduced, to which the reply was yes. However, Rudolph pointed out that Aircon's sample letter of intent contemplates the County entering into a contract based on a set amount of work.

Supervisor Farnetti said there is a lot of interest and the Board can direct staff to come back at a later date with a recommendation. Supervisor Bauer said she would like to see this issue on an agenda in July with a staff analysis and recommendation, and with the potential for signing a letter of intent.

Adjourn @ 3:10 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

Reconvene Evening Meeting at the Mammoth Lakes County Offices Sierra Mall Social Service Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Chairman Hazard

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Farnetti

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD No one spoke.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

15) Amendment to Building Ordinance (Bob Floyd, Scott Burns, Mark Magit)

M07-163

ACTION: (1) Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of a proposed ordinance amending Title 15 of the Mono County Code to provide for the high rise building code requirements set forth in Section 403, Chapter 4, of the 2001 California Building Code (California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 2, Volume 1) to all buildings having floors used for human occupancy located more than 50 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, as authorized pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 17985.5, 17985.7, and 18941.5(b). (2) Direct Clerk to schedule ordinance for adoption at the Board's next regular meeting. (3) Direct filing of modification, if approved, with the California Building Standards Commission.

(Farnetti/Bauer, 4-0; Hunt absent)

Bob Floyd, building official, said the Town of Mammoth Lakes has made changes to their code regarding high-rise buildings, and the County faces similar situations with building sites and circumstances for fire fighters. The proposed amendment provides the opportunity to make sure local fire departments can deal with fires in taller buildings. Floyd said setting the height at 50 feet won't impact single family residences because they can't be built to that height.

Mark Magit, County Counsel's Office, said all building codes and regulations in the State of California are adopted by the Building Standards Commission. The law provides for local agencies to amend or change sections that apply to structures if they make certain findings; these findings are specified in the proposed ordinance. A local agency must expressly find that changes are necessary because local conditions (such as mountains, earthquakes, snowfall, and rock falls) may impede fire vehicle access. The amendment will make it easier for people to get out of a building when conditions impede access by first responders (fire fighters). The proposed ordinance complies with the requirements for amendments.

Supervisor Bauer referred to multifamily residences and said some are at 45 feet; she asked if the height should be lowered to 45 feet. Floyd said the high rise regulations address occupancy load, and some regulations come into play with occupancy. It would be best to keep the height at 50 feet so the amendment does not affect single-family residences.

Supervisor Hazard said in some areas of the County the volunteer fire companies wouldn't be capable of fighting a fire in a high-rise building. He asked about the impact this amendment will have throughout the County. Floyd said this puts responsibility on the developer to make sure they meet the requirements. Currently there is only one proposed development in the County that would be affected, but there is potential for others. Scott Burns, Community Development Department, pointed out that high-rise projects are constrained by infrastructure.

Tony Dublino said it was his understanding that there is not a building outside of the incorporated town above 50 feet except the proposed "rodeo grounds" development. Floyd said that particular development will be subject to this ordinance. Supervisor Bauer said the developers understand this and prefer to construct their buildings according to the proposed ordinance.

7:00 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Board of Supervisors to attend a Public Hearing sponsored by the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. The Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proposing amendments to the regulation in 14 CCR Section 1280, which designates Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Areas (SRA). Within this section are referenced titled "Maps of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in State Responsibility Areas of California". These maps are being updated as part of the proposal pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) 4201-4202.

(Paul Camarena, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, State of California)

ACTION: (1) Attend the Public Hearing, consider the information presented and potentially make public comments regarding the topic. (2) Potentially direct staff to follow up with actions as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Break from 6:56 p.m. through 8:04 p.m. to attend the public hearing; reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Supervisor Hazard thanked CalFire for holding the public hearing. The Board had no comments, questions, or direction for staff at this time.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:05 p.m.

Mono County Board of Supervisor's next regular session will be on **July 3, 2007**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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